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TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SITHOLE SAYS PRESIDENT BANDA APPROVES

INTERNAL SETTLEMENT

1. MARCH 16 PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT REVEREND SITHOLE SAID IN SALISBURY THAT DR. HASTINGS BANDA HAD APPROVED THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. SITHOLE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "DR. BANDA SAYS THE SETTLEMENT IS THE MOST REALISTIC THING TO DO AND HE IS VERY PLEASED THAT WE HAVE COME TO THIS AGREEMENT." SITHOLE ADDED THAT BANDA WAS AWAITING THE FORMATION OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND ACTUAL RECOGNITION OF "THE FIRST ZIMBABWEAN GOVERNMENT" HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED.

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2. MEANWHILE, SMITH IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID IN A MARCH 15 TELEVISION BROADCAST THAT THE WAR WOULD SOON STOP. HE SAID "PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE WAR WILL NOT CONTINUE. WE HAVE SOME STRONG EVIDENCE INDICATING THAT THERE IS A LARGE MASS OF BLACK RHODESIANS WHO HAVE ENOUGH OF THE WAR". SMITH ALSO SAID THAT IF HE RECEIVES A "NEGATIVE RESPONSE" FROM THE WHITE ELECTORATE IN THE REF-

ERENDUM, "THAT WOULD BE A CLASSICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ME
TO STEP OUT OF THE SCENE."
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